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# THE TWELFTH OF AUGUST.

## OPENING OF THE GROUSE SEASON.

Some pleasures enervate, and others exhilarate; some sports are debasing and brutalising, others strengthen the physical frame, recruit the flagging energies, and animate the whole man with the breathings of a new life. It is wholesome testimony to the soundness of our national constitution that those amusements which are growing in popularity are not of the sort which enervate and corrupt, but those which improve and refine. The most acute of our foreign critics—a very small proportion of the great mass—would frankly admit that a people cannot be regarded as degenerating which betakes itself more and more, and every year with keener relish, to yachting, hunting, cricket, and rifle drill, but which at the same time almost outlaws cock-fighters, and sees in established "hells" only a vicious relic of the past. We believe that we are improving rapidly, and we could not have more direct proof than the fact that the most popular and keenly anticipated enjoyments are those which are connected with open-air exercise. The red-letter days in our annual calendar

of amusements are the long-established regattas, the familiar cricket matches, the Oxford and Cambridge boat-race, Easter Monday at Brighton, the first fortnight of July at Wimbledon, the 12th of August for the Scottish moors, the 1st of September for ranging the stubble and the turnip fields. It would puzzle the most determined Anglophobe to tell what sign of a depraved taste there is in such likings as these; and their thorough manliness may contrast favourably with the so-called sports of any Continental nation. An Italian or German seems to have no inclination for pleasures which involve much personal fatigue; and a Frenchman, though he may of late years have got up a liking for *le sport*, and is now attempting a revival of hawking, has little idea of *la chasse* beyond a mere battue of birds almost as tame as domestic poultry. But for the Englishman of the nineteenth century genuine personal exertion is one of the attractive elements in his out-of-door recreations. His nervous system, strung to its extreme tension by the wear and tear of a city life, is soothed by the strain on wind and limb which gives force and elasticity to muscle, vigour to life itself. And thus, while the young Continental will lounge his time away at cafes or public gardens, expending all his energy in talk, smoke, and gesticulation, but shunning the free air of heaven and the sun's rays as if pestilence attended both, the Englishman will row against the stream, during the hours of a sultry summer day, or face the tumbling billows of the Channel when the low white cloud on the horizon foreshadows the approaching gale, or wade knee-deep among the stiff heather when the thick mist wraps him in its clammy embrace. That he is the better for all this is undeniable, and that he derives ample enjoyment from it is evident from the simple circumstance that such pleasures never pall on his sense, but that year following year finds him engaged in the pursuit with undiminished eagerness.

Of all such high-days for the delight of our youth and manhood, commend us to the 12th of August, when the British sportsman with his bottled-up fervour, his fresh pointers, and his new double-barrel, is let loose to spread havoc and destruction among the red grouse on northern moors. This is the most interesting of the dates which concern sportsmen; it is the first of the shooting season, and the toiler in populous cities can look forward to it as opening up a vista of rare enjoyment. To follow game of any kind is attractive enough, but no bird provides such excitement as the grouse. Partridge-shooting is comparatively a quiet and domestic sport, inferior to that of moor-fowl in the same degree that tramping among turnip-fields is less stimulating and health-giving than a long stretch on the sunny hill-side, among the tall young heather, and inhaling the fresh

breezes which are laden with the fragrance of its bloom. The first shot at a brood, as it rises whirring from one of those bare spots or tracks which the birds so love, is, whether successful or not, an event in any man's life, and will bear favourable comparison with most sensations. Perhaps the winged natives are wild, as the day is wet or windy; or a dense mist may shroud every thing from your view beyond a few paces, and you can only see far enough to follow your pointer cautiously. On a sudden his marvellous instinct scents the game; he stands motionless as a statue, one of the foreleg raised; and as the birds take wing you fire at random, hit nothing, look foolish, and have a strong suspicion your dog despises you in his heart. Unfortunately, such mornings are the rule among the moors, and an ardent beginner is exposed to many a dumper from that cause. During the month of August, in nine mornings out of ten, the mist is on the hills. But the first failure only stimulates, instead of depressing; and by-and-bye comes your great revenge on the feathered innocents who have been unfortunate enough to provoke your opening blunder. You have started in the early morning, as the experienced keeper has predicted a fine day, and the alacrity of the dogs confirms his vaticination. You are on the

moor and can as yet see little, although you can hear the sound of the mountain streamlet in its pebbly channel at your feet. But soon the mist rises, and, as the curtain is gradually withdrawn, the sun struggles out, until, one by one, you see the outline of the nearer hills, the rivulets trickling down their sides like silver threads in the distance, while the stream in the valley dashes in every ripple, and the fresh pastures exhale their invigorating balm. But your guide takes you neither to the higher declivities nor to the lower levels, where you are on the borders of cultivation; he leads you to the brow of the moor on the edge of a slight hollow thickly bordered with fern. Here no sights or sounds of human kind assail you, save that in the far distance the flocks can be seen dotting the meadows. Now the sportsman scouting the game, and stopping in the attitude of rigid attention. As the birds spring from their resting-places, the well-trained animal falls down while you fire. Perhaps as a beginner you are flurried and aim too quickly; but twenty-five yards is a safe distance, and your shot takes effect. One of the broad is hit, while the rest scatter in

dismay, and as you run forward your victim falls fluttering among the purple heather, his eye glazing in death.

Grouse-shooting is a peculiarly British sport, as the bird is found nowhere but in our islands. It is also, every year, becoming a privilege more and more limited to Scotland, with a precarious reminder only to Cumberland, and two or three other counties. Black game may probably abound for many a day to come in England, as they thrive in more limited spots; but the red grouse is shy of man, with very good reason, it must be admitted—and only finds a habitat in wide moorland districts, amid a succession of rounded hills, where grows the tall heather on which he loves to feed. But, for the satisfaction of all sportsmen—and we may add of all gourmands—there appears little chance of the bird's becoming extinct in the northern portion of Great Britain. Notwithstanding the ruthless slaughter dealt out every year by truculent Southrons, grouse does not diminish, and they are now, we find, unusually plentiful, plump, and healthy. From Perthshire, Rosshire, Cumberland, and the Lanner-moors, the accounts are almost uniformly favourable, and this day, if dry and not too breezy, will, we anticipate, yield a multiplicity of well-filled bags. In fact, the continually increasing demand has rendered the Scotch grouse shootings so valuable, that the proprietors have strong inducements to retain them undiminished in extent, and therefore they actively encourage the propagation of the birds. Many landowners have found in their barren moors veritable diggings, practically inexhaustible. *Lagopus Scoticus* has contributed to swell the rent roll which small farmers, vainly struggling to raise their crops of oats and barley from a cold, scanty soil, had hitherto bent at so low an ebb. Therefore is *Lagopus*, in more senses than one, a public benefactor: he supplies keen enjoyment, health, and vigour to thousands, and fills the purses of hundreds. And when our aristocracy, jaded with the pleasures of the London season—our legislators, sick of disappointed hopes—our bankers and merchants, harassed by the long anxieties of a perplexing crisis, seek relief in the free air of the northern moorlands, we can only confess our obligations to an eminently British institution, and sincerely wish that the tired sportsmen the good digestion that waits on appetite, and the sound slumbers that attend laborious exercise.



HUGO LAUDSBERGER, the Amateur Champion Gymnast.

(From a Photograph by M. Reutlinger, Paris.)

Isola, winner of a Handicap Sweepstake at Lewes on Saturday, remained unsold at the entered selling price, 400 sovs.

Cheltenham, 2 yrs, winner of the Juvenile Stakes at Lewes on Saturday, was bought for 110g.







## PEDESTRIANISM.

## MATCHES TO COME.

## AUGUST.

20—Aston and Nichols—120 yards, £10 a side, Royal Oak Grounds near Dudley.  
25—London Athletic Club—220 Yards Challenge Cup  
30—Beauford School Athletic Sports

## SEPTEMBER.

1—Whitehead and Rothwell—200 yards, £25 a side, Whitehead having five yards start, City Grounds, Manchester.  
10—Mole and Collier Wood—150 yards, £10 a side, Wood having three yards start, Hyde Park Grounds, Sheffield.

## NOVEMBER.

24—London Athletic Club—Op-a Handicap

## ANNUAL CHAMPION PEDESTRIAN MEETING.

It has been suggested by some influential sporting gentlemen who feel anxious to encourage pedestrianism to establish in London an annual champion meeting for professional runners only, and as the idea seemed to meet with very general approval, the experiment is now about to be tried. The inaugural meeting is to take place in the Crystal Palace, a place which offers peculiar advantages; and with a view to induce the best runners of the day to come to the post, the following handicap races, to be held about the third week in September, have been agreed upon:—

150 Yards.—First prize £25, second £4, third £1; 8 yards probable limit of distance.

440 Yards.—First prize £25, second £4, third £1; 15 yards probable limit of distance.

Half a Mile.—First prize £25, second £4, third £1; 25 yards probable limit of distance.

One Mile.—First prize £25, second £4, third £1; 50 yards probable limit of distance.

Four Miles.—First prize £25, second £4, third £1; 150 yards probable limit of distance.

In addition to the above races there will be a Consolation Handicap of 300 yards for those men who have not won a first prize: First prize £7, second £2, third £1; no entrance; acceptance 5s. Handicapping to be made on the ground.

The entrance money for each of the above races, except the Consolation, will be £1, the acceptance £2. The winner of any race from scratch will receive £2 in addition to the prize. The handicapping will be performed by able pedestrian judges. The acceptances will be returned to all those who start. Arrangements are pending with the railway companies to run excursion trains from the provinces to town and back at cheap rates, for the convenience of the runners and their friends. The entries will probably close on Sept. 1. Further particulars as regards final arrangements will be published as soon as the probable number of entries and the expected support from the public has been ascertained. It is therefore earnestly requested that all those runners who are desirous to start will signify their intention as soon as possible to the secretary of the Champion Professional Meeting, 39, Marine-terrace, Aberystwith, from whom any information on the subject can be obtained, and by whom any suggestions relative to the general arrangements of the meeting will be carefully considered. The promoters reserve to themselves the power of making any such alterations in the programme as they may deem necessary.

## WOLVERHAMPTON.

ALBION GROUNDS.—T. Rogers's 115 yds handicap for money prizes were run at these grounds on Saturday and Monday last. There were 64 acceptances, divided into 16 heats, which were run off as follows:—Heat 1: J. Snape, Daisy Bank, 12 yards start, beat G. Jones, Bilston, 11 yards, by a yard. Heat 2: T. H. Lowley, Lady Moor, 8 yards, beat T. Norton, Hall Fields, 13 yards, by a yard, after running a dead heat. Heat 3: T. Yates, Walsall, 9 yards, beat J. Millington, Bilston, 11 yards, by half a yard. Heat 4: T. Hodgkiss, Lady Moor, 15 yards, walked over. Heat 5: W. Sims, Bilston, 14 yards, beat T. Segrave, Bilston, 15 yards. Heat 6: C. Sharples, 7 yards, beat Alf

Ward, Bilston, 9 yards. Heat 7: S. Winnard, Bilston, 12 yards, beat W. Morrison, Blakenhall, 5 yards. Heat 8: J. Lee, 12 yards, walked over. Heat 9: J. Green, 12 yards, beat J. O'Bryan, Bilston, 15 yards. Heat 10: J. McDermott, 8 yards, beat T. Beach, 10 yards. Heat 11: J. Higgins, Lady Moor, 14 yards, beat W. Casely, 12 yards. Heat 12: H. Hartland, 12 yards, beat J. Bridgley, Willenhall, 9 yards. Heat 13: T. Rowley, 10 yards, beat J. Proverbs, Lady Moor, 14 yards. Heat 14: J. Bridgley, Willenhall, 10 yards, beat Pat Moran, 9 yards. Heat 15: E. Mansell, Holmes, scratch, walked over. Heat 16: H. Leach, 6 yards, walked over. The grounds were well attended and the running well contested. At the termination of the preliminary heats lots were drawn for the deciding heats on

Monday, when a large party assembled to witness the result. Heat 1: J. Higgins, 14 yards, beat H. Leach, 6 yards, by a yard and a half; J. Hodgkiss, 15 yards, and W. Sims, 14 yards, absent. Heat 2: S. Bridgley, 16 yards, beat H. Hartland, 12 yards, by a yard, after a capital run; S. Winnard, 12 yards, third; J. Lee, 12 yards, absent. Heat 3: J. Green, 12 yards, won by a yard and a half; J. McDermott, 5 yards, second; C. Sharples, 7 yards, third; E. Mansell, scratch, absent. Heat 4: T. Yates, 9 yards, beat T. Rowley, 10 yards, by half a yard;

E. Darby, of Oldbury, and T. Parsons, of Cradley Heath, will run their 120 yards match, for £10 a side, on the same day.

## BIRMINGHAM.

Aston Cross.—A goodly number of amateurs of pedestrianism from the Black Country attended on Monday to witness an exciting match between

Wilson, of Hill Top, and Dudley, of Stourbridge, to run 100 yards for £10 a side, Wilcox receiving two yards start. The match was appointed for three o'clock, but in consequence of the absence of Mr. Hawkins, of Wednesbury, the stakeholder and referee, and the refusal of the backers of one of the runners to accept the party sent by Mr. Hawkins as his substitute, the match did not commence till 4.30, when Mr. C. Bolton was appointed referee by mutual consent. Betting commenced level, Dudley for choice, then rose to 5 to 4 in his favour, and just before starting turned to 5 to 4 on Wilcox to a large amount. Wilcox was attended to the score by Lambert, of West Bromwich, and Dudley by Hodgkiss, of Carr-lane. The time allowed on the score was fifteen minutes, which were wasted in cauterizing at length a start was effected, both going away together, but it was evident that Wilcox was running away with the race, for all Dudley's efforts to overtake him were unavailing, and he ran in winner by two yards.

H. Crampton and T. Olithero.—This match of 120 yards, for £5 a side, will come off at these grounds on Saturday, August 18 (this day).

Mills and Gurley.—The match between these Birmingham pedestrians to run a mile, for £10 a side (Gurley having 10 yards start) will come off on Monday, August 20.

H. Keel, the champion swimmer, and Blackey Burton.—The quarter of a mile match between these runners, for £10 a side, will also come off on Monday, August 20.

Dawes and Paul.—This 120 yards match for £5 a side (Dawes having eight yards start) will be run at the same date and place. Young Hawkes and W. Shuter's quarter of a mile match for £5 a side, also on Monday next.

Bower, of Gloucester, and Newbold, of Birmingham.—The 90 yards match, for £10 a side, between these well-known pedestrians is fixed for Monday, Sept. 10.

H. Smalley and J. Thompson, both of Birmingham, are matched to walk 10 miles, for £10 a side, on Monday, Sept. 10.

Ben Garrington and G. Hill.—These well-known old runners are matched to run 100 yards, for £5 a side, on the same day.

NEW VAUXHALL GROUNDS.—J. Cross, of Moseley, and the veteran Coleman.—These men are matched to walk eight miles at these grounds, on Saturday, August 18 (this day), Cross staking £12 to £5 and giving Coleman three yards start.

## SHEFFIELD.

QUEEN'S HOTEL GROUNDS.—On Monday there was a large muster at these grounds to witness the first heats of Messrs. Joe Moran and Alfred Post's All England 215 yards Handicap. The first prize was £30, second £4, and third £1; there were fifty entries. The betting was remarkably slow, the only men fancied being W. Lindsey, at 6 to 4, T. Woodcock, 3 to 1, and O. Morton, 8 to 1. The first heat was a walk over for D. Thompson, Dawsbury, 65 yards start. The absentees were T. Carruthers, T. Holmes, 65 yards; B. Stephenson, Boyton, 64; and R. Wheatley, 68. The second heat produced two runners, W. Ferguson, Newcastle, 67 yards, beat D. Richardson, Leeds, 67, by one yard; W. Nicol, Essex, 67, and J. B. Barnes, 59, did not start. Third Heat.—Walked over by G. Norton, 64; W. Holehouse, Nottingham, 67; E. Lowe, Wakefield, 67; W. Ainscow, Manchester, 66, did not appear. Fourth heat was also a walk at leisure by J. Slack, Nottingham, 68; the following did not appear:—J. Magpase, Coudon, 66; J. Thompson, Malton, 67; and A. Allen, Glasgow, 68. Fifth heat.—P. Pilkington, 68, w.o.; W. Richardson, Woodbury, W. Wilcock, Redbank, 67, and R. Stirling, Newcastle, 67, did not think proper to show up. Sixth heat.—W. Lindsey, Witton Gilbert, 67, beat by two yards G. Batty, Leeds, 66; W. Kirkham, Hulme, 67, and W. Westgarth, Moorley, 66, were absent. Seventh heat.—J. Bishop, Nottingham, 66, beat T. Eshely, 69, by three yards; the two not contending



THE PRESENT P.R. CHAMPION BELT.

T. Holloway, 8 yards, third; J. Snape, 12 yards, absent. The final heat was won by J. Green, 12 yards, by a foot; S. Bridgley, 10 yards, J. Higgins, 14 yards, half a yard behind the second; J. Yates, 9 yards close up. The prizes were awarded accordingly. Mr. H. Taylor referee. Betting at starting, 2 to 1 each against Higgins and Yates, 4 to 1 against Lee, 6 to 1 against Hartland.

H. Lowndes, of Wolverhampton, and E. Mansell, of Hulme.—This match of 440 yards, for £10 a side, was run on Monday previous to the deciding heats of the handicap. Mr. Whittom, referee. Betting began at 5 to 4 on Lowndes, and ended at 2 to 1 on Mansell, who was waited on by Sam Hodgkiss, of Carr-lane, and Lowndes by T. Morris. They had to make the circuit of the grounds (170 yards) twice, and a distance of 100 yards. Mansell had two yards advantage at starting; Lowndes soon overtook him, and on level ground made up for the distance lost in turning the corner. However, the race was contested to the very last with the greatest spirit, and terminated by Mansell winning by a foot only.

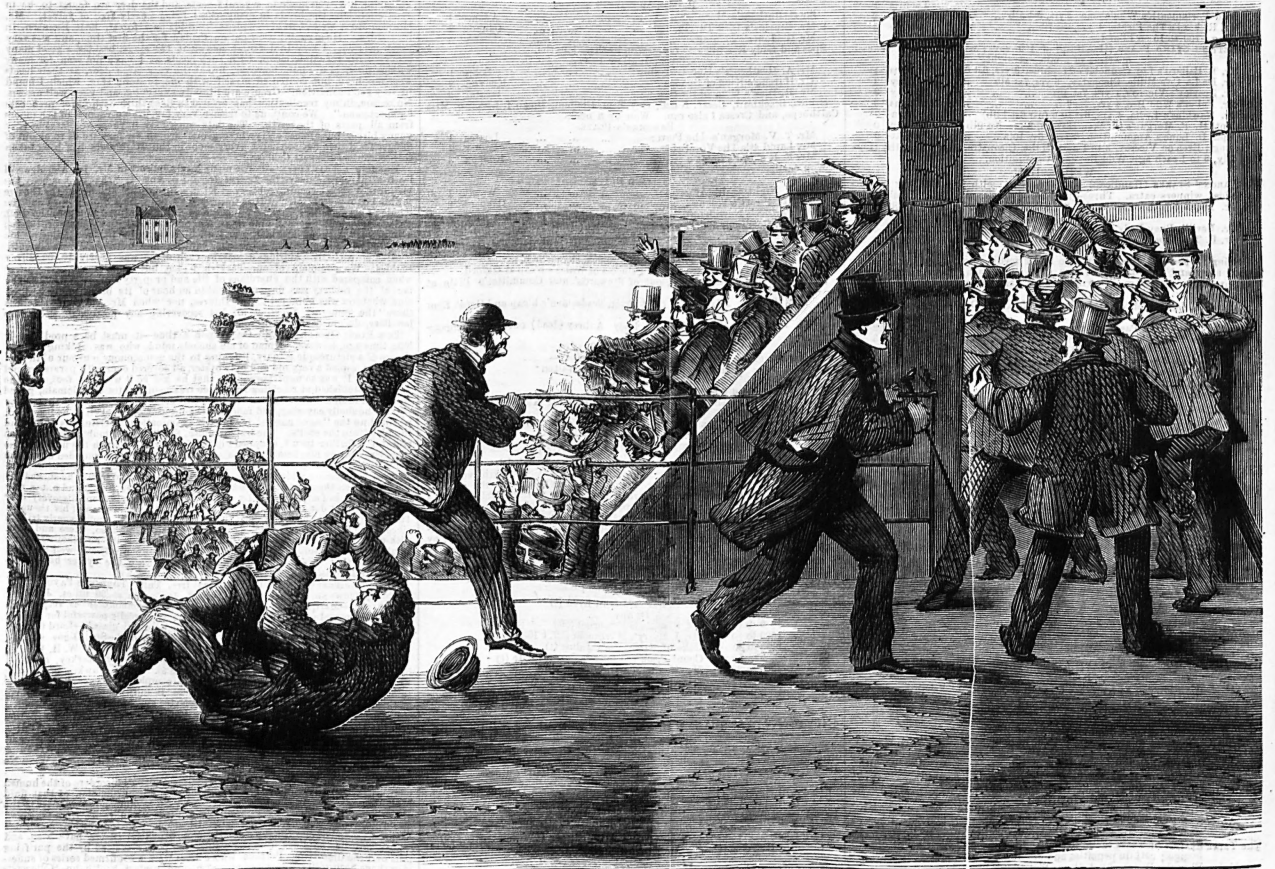
## TIPTON.

BRITANNIA GROUNDS.—The 120 yards match between Tim Thomas, of Dudley, and Elijah Morris, of Tipton, for £10 a side, came off on Monday before a numerous party. Mr. Challengworth, of Dudley, was appointed referee, and betting to the amount of upwards of £400 was speculated on the event; the odds being 5 to 4 on Thomas, who was attended by J. Ling and W. West, of Oldbury, whilst Morris was looked after by Sam Webb, of Kals Hill. After many attempts an even start was effected, and a well-contested race followed. At about half-distance Thomas took the lead, and by great exertions succeeded in going in winner by two yards.

Best, of Walsall, and Hodgkiss, of Carr-lane, run their 110 yards match, for £5 a side, on Monday next, August 20.

Young Hill, of Birmingham, and Young Morris, of Tipton, two juveniles (Hill being 11 years of age and Morris 10), are matched to run 100 yards, for £5 a side, on Monday, the 20th, Hill having two yards start. Mr. Ansell, Woodman Inn, Duddleston-row, Birmingham, stakeholder and referee.

Homer of Mosham Green, and Rogers, of Bilston, are matched to run 100 yards, for £10 a side, at these grounds, on September 3, Homer having a yard start.



THE LATE FIGHT BETWEEN MAZE AND GOSS—EMBARKATION AT PURPLEET.



were J. Thirkhill, Durham, 66, and G. Stevenson, Manchester, 67. Eighth heat—T. Woodcock, Arnold, 69, beat easily J. Borman, Lincoln, 68; T. Fenton, Hull, 67, and J. Lambert, West Bromwich, were absent. Ninth heat—F. Darley, 68, w.o.; J. Johnson, 69; J. Usher, Lincoln, 65; and W. Waitman, Coventry, 66, were not at the starting. Tenth heat—Walked over by J. Hall, Nottingham, 66, the absent ones being A. Siddall, 63; A. Clewley, New Invention, 63; and D. Morton, 64. Eleventh heat—H. Hodgson, Staleybridge, 67, had it to himself; R. Ewart, Newcastle, 67; J. Mitchin, Manchester, 65; and F. Owen, London, 61, were wanting. Twelfth heat—E. Brannan, 69, did the distance alone; J. Talbot, Stockton-on-Tees, 68; and D. Shannon, Glasgow, 68, did not show. Thirteenth heat—Walked over by H. Strann, Nottingham, 67; M. Holton, Thornbury, 69; and J. Anderson, Alnwick, 67, did not come to the scratch.

**HYDE PARK GROUNDS.**—On Monday morning last there was a large attendance here so early as nine o'clock. The attraction was a foot race for £10, between Walker and Cocker, both of Sheffield, distance 100 yards. The betting was 2 to 1 on Walker, who won by about eight yards. The start was pretty even, but Walker was so much the superior that he could turn round and look at his opponent. From this point the race was never in doubt, as he went in with ease.

**Foot Race for £20.**—At six o'clock yesterday evening B. Heath and J. Nicholson, both of Rotherham, appeared to contest a 120 yards sprint race. Heath dashed off with the heat and won easily.

**GLASSGOW.**  
**STONEFIELD GROUNDS.**—On Saturday last a large number of persons assembled at these grounds to witness a quarter mile handicap got up by Messrs. Park and Currie. Subjected in an account of the running—First heat: W. Todd, 64 yards start, beat J. Cowden, 44, H. Docherty, 50, L. Devote, 65, and A. Tindal, 50. Second heat: D. Cowden, 39, beat W. Wilson, 45, and J. Lang, 50. Third heat: G. Angus, 65, beat R. Calderwood, 41, and T. Service, 65. Fourth heat: T. Anderson, 58, beat J. Cairney, 44, P. Henry, 43, J. Cant, 41, and G. Steel, 50; won by four yards. Fifth heat: I. Oullen, 63, beat W. Brown, 33, A. M. Laren, 39, J. Milner, 45, and N. Williamson, 65; won by two yards. Sixth heat: A. Biggar, 39, beat J. Hinchy, 41, J. Smith, 39, P. Slowe, 47, and A. H. 61; won easily. Seventh heat: J. Farmer, 39, beat J. Clark, 39, J. Reynolds, 47, T. Kellor, 56, A. Fleming, 50, and W. M. Coo, 39. Eighth heat: J. Dunn, 63, beat G. Sutton, 12, J. Jordie, 35, and W. Sloan, 36. Ninth heat: J. Cowden, 44, beat A. Haggerty, 58, G. White, 61, A. Milner, 39, J. Ramsay, 46, and B. Wilson, 45; won easily. Tenth heat: J. O'Neill, 44, beat C. Cook, 39, F. Cassidy, 39, W. Murray, 50, R. Mitchell, 57, and W. McKay, 65. Eleventh heat: J. Brown, 39, beat George Donachie, 37, and A. Ronaldson, 44; Ronaldson came in first, but a protest having been lodged the referee against him on the ground of having entered under a false name, Brown was awarded the heat. Twelfth heat: J. Herderson, 36, beat J. Robertson, 39, R. M. McEwan, 50, and P. Mitchell, 61; won easily. Thirteenth heat: F. Walsh, 50, beat J. Muir, 30, and H. Dunachie, 20. This concluded the running of the first heats, the finals being fixed for this day, Saturday.

## LEEDS.

**VICTORIA RACE GROUNDS.**—Mr. J. Bartle, Harp Tavern, Kirkstall, Leeds, has received £10 a side for the race of 140 yards, for £25 a side, at the above grounds, on August 25. Wilkinson to receive one yard start. Mr. J. Senthley, Skerr Bridge Inn, Wortley, has received articles and £1 a side for a match to run one lap (352 yards) at the above grounds on September 8, for £5 a side, between J. Bell, of Buntingthorpe, and J. Beresford, of Leeds.

Mr. J. Forrest, Market Tavern, Leeds, holds £2 a side on behalf of a race of 110 yards, for £10 a side, at the above grounds, on September 15, between Dan Pugh, of Manchester, and W. H. Myers, of Leeds.

There was a very large muster at these grounds on Saturday last to witness Mr. O. Gurnett's Great 1,000 Yards Handicap, the entries for which were 89, and on the 1st run for 48 accepted, including some of the most celebrated men of the day. The following came to the post:—W. Richards, the Welshman, 4 yards; J. Neary, Hulme, 14; J. Heywood, Rochdale, 31; J. Brighton, Norwich, 36; A. Boulton, Henty, 36; G. Cooper, 40; H. Harrison, 47; W. Bell, Pottier, 49; J. Hughes, Manchester, 50; J. Hargreaves, 52; T. Hough, Willingham, 53; O. Jackson, Leith, 53; W. H. Riley, Heywood, 54; T. Lisle, Pelling, 58; E. Mielwood, Miffield, 69; A. Ainsley, Rawmarsh, 60; J. Collinson, Bradford, 60; Nat. Hawkeshaw, 61; E. Rawley, Lintgate, 62; A. Lowe, Knottingley, 65; J. Foster, 70; W. Bastow, Bala, 70; S. Midgley, 70; A. Kelly, Rotherham, 70; D. Foster, 70; G. Oates, 71; R. Robertshaw, Castleford, 71; W. Shaw, 73; B. Hoap, Kirkstall, 73; G. Rothery, 80; W. White, 80; Pat McCarthy, Dewsbury, 83; W. Child, 85; J. Cleydon, 88. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Kelley, 5 to 1 agst Hughes, 7 to 1 agst Riley, 8 to 1 agst Harrison, 10 to 1 agst Richards, and from 15 to 40 others. The men having been placed in their respective places by Mr. Gurnett got off in first-rate style. T. Hough, of Willingham, just managed to land the first prize, £20, by a foot only; W. H. Riley, of Heywood, second, £3; and A. Kelly, of Rotherham, third, £2; Bell, fourth; there was not a yard separating the three first, B. Lisle being about a yard in the rear, the others waiting in with the crowd. Mr. J. Woolfoot was referee. We might here state that the winner was backed for very little money. Time, 2min 20sec.

## BRADFORD.

**CITY GROUNDS.**—About 500 persons congregated at these grounds on Saturday last, the principal attraction being a race which was announced to take place between William Brown and J. Hitchen; but an event which preceded that between those cracks, although contested by minor peds, was infinitely more interesting in character. The racing began with a half mile struggle between W. Woodward and Mr. McConville, for a "tenner," the latter receiving 16 yards start inside. The betting was 5 to 4 on McConville. An even start having been effected by mutual consent, both men went along at an easy pace. During the time the first half the distance being run Mac still held the 16 yards advance, but when entering on the second quarter of a mile Woodward gradually drew upon him, and on traversing the fourth side of the course he still

lessened the distance one-half. Coming into the straight for home he lessened the gap, and was almost up to McConville's shoulder when they were within fifty yards of the tape. From this point a most exciting contest ensued, both peds being at all appearance thoroughly exhausted by their run, and do all he could Woodward could not pass McConville. When about six yards from the tape Mac's legs yielded to the over-strain, and he slightly stumbled. This was enough, however, to turn the scale in favour of Woodward, who took advantage of the mishap, and struggled slightly to the front, and passed the referee a foot in advance of McConville. Both peds were much distressed at the finish. A more interesting race, from beginning to finish, it has never been our duty to record. The winner is deprived of his leg arm from the elbow down, which must in a measure impede him. He is the same. Woodward that won the silver cup in Fleet's 1,000 yards handicap. Mr. John Fleet was referee.

Following the above came the 140 yards race between W. Brown

Lees, 21; "Nump" won easily. "Nump" was here immediately put up at 5 to 4; 2 to 1 bar one, 7 to 1 bar two. On being again drawn they met as follows:—First heat: Partington and Johnson; Johnson walked over. Second heat: Ashton, of Ashton, 19 yards, and J. Lees, 21 yards; Ashton lost the start three or four yards, and about twelve yards from home, feeling that he could not collar his man, gave up the contest, Parkes coming in the victor. Third heat: "Nump," 25 yards, and Marshall, 17 yards. Marshall too eager for a victory, went off his mark too soon, for which he was placed back a yard; "Nump" won by four or five yards. There was now every appearance that the handicapper would be a "turn-up" after all, and "Nump," who at the commencement was at 10 to 1, was now installed himself first favourite. An hour's respite was given the men for rest, at the end of which time they appeared on the course for the second struggle. "Nump" and 1st Parks. The men toed their respective marks, and the greatest excitement prevailed. Just as the pistol-fire was in the act of pulling the trigger Park made off, and managed to pouch three or four yards before the cap exploded, though, notwithstanding this manoeuvre, "Nump" showed his heels all the way until within a few yards from home, when Parkes, with putting in all he knew, managed to touch the tape about six inches in advance of "Nump"; Johnson was three or four yards behind. It was a tight race, and those standing in front thought the victory was "Nump's," but the referee's decision, and we must say it was a just one, was—Parkes first; "Nump" second; and Johnson third.

**WALSH AND BARNES FOR £100.**—This monster event comes off this day (Saturday), and a good race and close contest is expected.

## HACKNEY WICK.

**SATURDAY.**—These grounds also received a fair share of public patronage. Mr. Ben Prior, of the Black Lion, Whitefriars-street, giving £50 for a handicap of one mile to be divided as follows, first prize, £5; second, £1; third, 10s. There was a very large entry. Divided into six heats with the following result:—

Heat 1—Young Buck 180, first; R. Rogers, scratch, second; White, 75, third. This was a fine race the lad maintaining the first place throughout. It was imagined by many that Rogers would have won, but he was not quite able to catch Buck, who won by five yards.

Heat 2—W. Cox, 160, first; H. Gray, 90, second; J. Lewson, 90, third. A good race, won by ten yards.

Heat 3—Springhall, 180, first; W. Coker, 100, second. No others finishing.

Heat 4—Smith, 140, first; Sibley's Lad, 230, second; Sam Howden, 75, third. This was a fine race the lad maintaining the first place throughout. It was imagined by many that Rogers would have won, but he was not quite able to catch Buck, who won by five yards.

Heat 5—Watkins's Lad, 230, first; W. Cooper, 110, second; Godfrey, 150, third. Won by five yards, same distance between second and third.

Heat 6—Sutton, 100, first; Old Buck, 180, second; Taylor, 160, third. Sutton gradually passed all his opponents and won on the post by a yard. Taylor close up.

The six winners were then drawn to run in the final heat, which took place on

**MONDAY.**—Not less than 3,000 persons assembled at these grounds on this day, the chief attraction being a benefit for Mace and Goss, who are contending in the P.R. The rough element was decidedly in the majority, and great difficulty was experienced in keeping the place in anything like order. The proceedings commenced with the final heat of Prior's Mile Handicap, for which the following came to the mark:—Young Buck, 180; Springhall, 180; W. Smith, 110; Watkins's Lad, 230; Sutton, 100; Cox, 100. Mr. W. Price was referee and starter, and he dispatched them very evenly. For about half way Smith looked the winner, Watkins's Lad giving up early in the race. Towards the finish Springhall made strong running, followed by Cox, and the race ended as follows:—Springhall first, Buck second, Smith third. Won by five yards, ten separating second and third, time, 4 min. 29 sec.

Directly after this the course was broken in by the mob, who imagined the sparring was to come next, and the greatest difficulty was experienced in keeping the course in anything like order for the race between

**AUSTIN AND GOLDBER.**—These men, who are well known to the public, and have contended many times previously with various success, came to their marks to run 880 yards, for £20 a side, Austin receiving a start of 15 yards. Not much betting took place, the average quotation being 5 to 4 on Goldber, who at half way caught his man, and was soon leading by five yards, in which position they finished. Time 2 min 11 sec. Some sparring followed, the wind-up being between Jim Mace and Joe Goss.

## BOW.

These grounds were pretty well attended on Saturday last, the fixture being a walking match of one mile for £10, between Young's Novice and Broke's Novice, both of Pockham, where their abilities are thought much of. On the signal being given by the referee (Mr. H. Woodcock) Broke's Novice took the lead, and at the expiration of 200 yards was two to the good. Here Young's Novice spurred and took the lead, a most exciting race ensuing, the pedestrians never in any part of the race being separated by more than three yards. When within 150 yards of home, Broke's Novice made a desperate effort, and got within a yard of his opponent, who spurred away again and won by three yards. It is satisfactory to state that no complaints as to the style of progression were made, both strictly adhering to the fair "heel and toe" system.

## BROMPTON.

On Saturday last there was a first-class attendance at these grounds, the principal attraction being a race of 100 yards between Brown, of King's-cross, and Anderson, of the Haymarket, for £15 a side, the former receiving a start of two yards. Mr. Moore, the referee, having appointed a starter, the men proceeded to their respective marks, and after two false starts they got away, Brown being in full running when the pistol was fired, and as may be imagined winning with great ease by two yards. The pistol fire on being appealed to declared it a false start, much to the chagrin of the backers of Anderson. There were also a couple more races of 100 yards, for £5 a side each, the first of which was between Ingram and Cooke, the former receiving



BIRTHPLACE OF THE LATE JOHN LILLYWHITE.

and J. Hitchen, for £25 a side, the latter receiving two yards start inside. This was a very hollow affair, and needs but a few lines of description. The betting, beginning at evens, closed at 2 to 1 on Brown. After eight false attempts, both went away to an even start. Brown soon overtook Hitchen, who ceased running about half-way, and Brown was the only one who passed Mr. W. Lang, who officiated as referee.

## OLDHAM.

**HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS.**—ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP.—This handicap was run off on Saturday, the competitors, 17 in number, being divided into six heats, which were disposed of in the following order:—First heat: Partington, Chadderton, 19 yards; S. Lees, Oldham, 25; Ashworth, Northman, Partington won by a yard. Second heat: Farrow, Shaw, 25; Parkes, Openshaw, 21; Shaw, Salfordworth, 22, put in no appearance; won easily by Parkes. Third heat: Ashton, Middleton, 26; Ashton, Ashton, 19; Fawley, Oldham, 20; Fawley did not start; won by Ashton. Fourth heat: Johnson, Lees (no arm), 29; Schofield, Wadde, 16; and Holton, Chadderton-hill, 21; won easily by Johnson. Fifth heat: Wild, Oldham, 25; Howarth, Mitten, 22; and Marshall, Haighton-green, 17; won by Marshall by a yard. Sixth heat: Jackson, Ashton, "Nump," Oldham, 25; and B. Boulton, "Salt"

THE LATE JOHN LILLYWHITE, THE WELL-KNOWN CRICKETER.  
(From an original Photograph.)

three yards start. Mr. C. Westhall was referee. After ten minutes' dodging by "mutual consent" they got away. Ingram increasing his lead to four yards was approached and won anyhow.

C. Stanley, of Kensington, and T. Shrimpton, alias Darvell, of Lambeth, were the next to appear, the services of Mr. C. Westhall being again brought into requisition as referee. A good deal of money was speculated at 8 to 4 on Darvell. After some slight "adding," a start was effected, Stanley being the advantage, and although running in a most determined manner he was completely outpaced by Darvell, who passed the tape a winner by two yards.

**TUESDAY.**—There was a good attendance here this day to witness some sports for children. This affair comes off annually, and was this time under the management of Mr. W. Foulter. The proceedings commenced with the

#### 200 YARDS HANDICAP.

Heat 1.—A. Patey, 32 yards start; first; Biker, 22 second; Randolph's Boy, 23, third. Won very easily by four yards.

Heat 2.—Plumb, 34, first; Baldwin, 22, second; Higgs, 30, third. This was also won with great ease, but a dispute occurring as to whether Plumb was on his right mark, Baldwin was allowed to run in the first.

Heat 3.—Ellwood, 20, first; Lowe, 20, second. Only these started, and Ellwood was put back five times for going before the pistol was fired. A dead heat ensued, and Ellwood, on running it off won very easily.

Heat 4.—J. Patey, 30, first; Smith, 14, second; Blackmore, 23, third. A good race, won by a yard.

Final Heat.—Patey and Plumb ran a dead heat for first place, Baldwin being third, Ellwood fourth, but as Baldwin only ran under a protest for 215, a dead heat was only entitled to third prize. On running off the dead heat Plumb won by two feet. Ross, the pedestrian, was referee.

The next event was a one mile walking handicap.

Heat 1.—Ten competitors came to the mark for this heat, and the result was as follows: Richardson, 120, first; Higgs, 120, second; Blackmore, 230, third; J. Patey, 50, was disqualified for not mixing it, but deliberately running, and a row ensued, that did not tend to alter affairs.

Heat 2.—Nine started, and the following were placed by the referee: Richardson, 120, first; Higgs, 120, second; Higgs, 120, third.

The first two in the preceding heats now came to walk in the final heat.—Oldy, first, by three yards; Sato's Novice, second; and Richardson, twenty yards behind, third.

Mr. B. Sampson, of the *Illustrated Sporting News*, was referee.

#### MANCHESTER.

**CITY GROUND.**—The 120 yards handicap promoted by Mr. A. Peak, of the Old-father's Arms, Every-street, Manchester, comes off here to day and next Saturday.

E. Ball and B. Haffery, both Bradfortites, have made good another deposit to Mr. Pe of Watnagar for their quarter of a mile spin on Sept. 3, for £100. Halfway receiving 4 yards start inside. A further instalment of £25 a side falls due to day.

Mr. W. Lang's four-mile sweep is withdrawn, only one man having entered.

A match has been made between R. Robinson, of Berwick, and C. Finch, of Manchester, to be run on August 28, at 880 yards, on Sept. 8, for £5 a side. A boy each has been handed to Mr. John Fleet, Sawyers' Arms, Cornwell-street, Manchester, and a similar amount is to be staked this day (Saturday).

**ROYAL OAK PARK.**—This resort was visited on Saturday last by nearly 300 persons, the weather being delightfully fine. The attraction was a spin of 150 yards, for £25 a side, between Joseph Barber, of Manchester, and Thomas Barlow, of Salford. The betting deflected considerably, but closed at 5 to 4 on Barber, who was in receipt of two yards start inside. An even start was made, but Barber was never headed, and won by two yards and a half. Stakeholder and referee, Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester. During the progress of the match a forfeit took place of £15 on the part of Barber, but his backer paid the amount, and the match proceeded. The forfeit was a proper one, but a person who is a stakeholder and referee, and somewhat charged at 10, first, against both the stakeholder and the forfeit, is a sporting contemporary. We should be inclined to treat Barber's backer with silent contempt, but we cannot help stating that a more polished backer we never met.

£15 each has been staked with Mr. James Holden, of this spin of 200 yards on September 3, between F. Simpson, of Colne, and R. Skinner, of Worsley, the balance to be made good by weekly deposits of £5 each.

The match between J. B. Iton and F. Folkes, to run 440 yards, for £10 a side, is off, Folkes forfeiting.

Next Monday and Tuesday the Newton Wakes take place, and an attractive programme of sports will be issued by Mr. John Cooper (the manager). It embraces the following sports:—Throwing the hammer, and the shot, ball gathering, pedestrianism, leaping, throwing the cricket ball, jumping, donkey-racing, &c. A band will be in attendance each day, and dancing on the green.

**CORNSHEDDERS.**—Two races take place here to-day. At half-past four o'clock T. Collinge and F. Grouwell, both of Middleton, contest 440 yards, for a tanner, and at five o'clock Waterhouse and Cowdwell try conclusions at two miles.

The celebrated pedestrian and quarter mile champion, Jam Nuttall, has on Saturday last married to Miss Elizabeth Brookfield, of the same place, at the Cathedral.

#### NEWCASTLE.

**FERNH PARK RUNNING GROUND.**—James Hadley, of Carlisle, commenced the task of walking 60 miles per day for three consecutive days, on Monday morning last. He has been visited by a numerous company.

**GUY AND MILLS.**—This match is going on all right, the money being staked up regularly.

**COCKS AND GUY.**—The men continue to stake up regularly.

In answer to Johnny Day's challenge, Young Gilbert will walk two matches in an enclosed ground, and the other round the circle. Each match to be for £25 a side.

**Oliver, of Blackfriars,** will walk Finch, of Lambeth, two or four miles level, for £50, £10 a side. An answer through this paper will be attended to.

**Wagmore, of Deptford,** will run Manne, of Plaitow, 150 yards, and give him three yards start, for £25 a side.

**D. Isaac, of the Strand,** will run Tegg, of Monoway, 100 yards level, for £5 a side. An answer through this paper will ensure a match.

**Tuck, of Lambeth,** has found friends to back him against Harry Andrews, (two miles, for £25 a side. Articles and a deposit will ensure a match.

**James Penn, of Battle Lane, Tipton, and Arthur Williams, of Stourbridge,** have signed articles to run 100 yards, for £5 a side, on the 27th of August, at the Britannia Grounds.

**W. Cockroft, of St. James' Rowing Club, and T. Green, of Trinity Rowing Club,** are matched to run a quarter of a mile, for £5 a side. They meet tomorrow at a referee and to name the day at Mr. Cockroft's, Lion and Key, Lower Thames-street. To run at Bow Grounds.

#### RABBIT COURSEING.

#### MANCHESTER.

On Saturday last, the usual £1000 evening sweepstakes came off at the City Ground, which thirty of all wagers were entered to compete. After some slight "adding," the first prize, £200, was won by Hain's Miss. After some slight "adding," the first prize, £200, was won by Hain's Miss. After some slight "adding," the first prize, £200, was won by Hain's Miss.

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#### EXTRA AQUATICS.

#### METROPOLITAN AMATEUR REGATTA.

For some years past the want of an amateur regatta for London has been felt, and the question having been fully considered, a committee was formed, consisting of the leading aquatic clubs, and others, and Tuesday last fixed for the competition. Last year something similar took place, but was limited to clubs between Teddington and Greenwich, and this may be regarded as the first day of the Metropolitan Amateur Regatta, open to the world. The prizes were £200 for Thames Cup, £200 for Junior, £100 for Senior, £100 for Ladies, and £100 for Club. There were in addition several presentation prizes of the most handsome description. Owing to our want of space we cannot go into details, but must confine ourselves to the following short account:

#### JUNIOR SQUADS.

#### First Heat.

Station 2.—F. Moffat, Thames Rowing Club ..... w.o.  
Station 1.—R. Willis, London Rowing Club ..... dr.  
Station 3.—C. C. Gibson, Thames Rowing Club ..... dr.

#### Rowed up.

#### Second Heat.

Station 3.—F. Moffat, Thames Rowing Club ..... 1  
Station 4.—F. Moffat, Thames Rowing Club ..... 0  
Station 2.—A. Shoolbred and W. Shoolbred, London Rowing Club ..... dr.  
Station 1.—B. Ellington, Thames Rowing Club ..... dr.

Great took the lead, but was passed before reaching Cayman Point by Moffat, who afterwards won easily. Rowed up.

#### Third Heat.

Station 3.—F. Moffat, Thames Rowing Club ..... 1  
Station 2.—F. Moffat, Thames Rowing Club ..... 2  
Station 1.—T. W. King, Thames Rowing Club ..... 0  
Station 4.—H. Bright, West London Rowing Club ..... 0

Fisher and Coleman won, the others giving up early in the race. A desperate struggle ensued in Fisher winning by two lengths. Rowed up.

#### Final Heat.

Station 1.—Moutenish ..... 1  
Station 2.—Fisher ..... 2  
A fine race to Graves. Moutenish then came away and won by three lengths. Rowed down.

#### SENIOR SQUADS—LONDON CUP.

#### Final Heat.

Station 1.—G. Ryan, London Rowing Club ..... w.o.  
Station 2.—A. R. Pitt, West London Rowing Club ..... dr.

#### Rowed up.

#### Second Heat.

Station 2.—R. Wells, Kingston Rowing Club ..... w.o.  
Station 1.—H. K. Sinton, London Rowing Club ..... dr.  
Station 3.—E. B. Mitchell, Oxford University ..... dr.

#### Rowed up.

#### Final Heat.

Station 2.—G. Ryan ..... 1  
Station 1.—R. Wells ..... 2  
Ryan had the best of the start, but at the Star and Garter Wells had passed him and led by a length. Owing to an accident when opposite Simmons's Wall's right scull slipped, and Ryan led by two lengths. At the point they were again nearly level, but the efforts of Ryan and Wells, and Ryan drew away and won by five lengths. Rowed up.

#### METROPOLITAN EIGHTS.

Station 4.—Thames Rowing Club ..... 1  
Station 2.—West London Rowing Club ..... 2  
Station 1.—London Rowing Club ..... 3  
Station 3.—Twickenham Rowing Club ..... 4

London Rowing Club.—D. T. Campbell, G. Plator, R. M. Barton, W. A. Chandler, G. F. Campbell, J. G. Walker, G. Smith, D. M. O'Leary (stroke), Weston (cox).

Twickenham Rowing Club.—H. Brunton, T. Turner, A. J. Ebsworth, W. G. Parnell, A. Simmons, L. Artus, T. Bond, T. S. Atherton (stroke), F. Grant (cox).

West London Rowing Club.—S. Mares, D. M. Roberts, W. Shepherd, C. R. Bostell, E. G. B. Kerridge, W. C. Slater, A. Mares (stroke), E. J. Kerridge (cox).

Thames Rowing Club.—W. Small, L. P. Hodgson, H. Gore, W. S. Talbot, J. Roby, B. Slater, J. Catly, W. Page (stroke), T. G. Radmall (cox).

West London and Twickenham were the first in front, Thames 3rd, at the London boat-house, Thames had passed West London, and taken 2nd place. At the Point, Thames spurred past Twickenham and led. Twickenham putting on a desperate spurt took the lead again, but was passed by Thames and West London. Twickenham fell back, and was third at the Star and Garter, West London and Thames being level. At Hammersmith-bridge, West London and Thames were still level, Twickenham two lengths behind, and London same distance after Twickenham. Rowing at the Doves. Thames was first by a length, Twickenham three lengths behind, West London, London coming up very fast, and the order was maintained to the finish, except the London making a fine effort on the post, came in a few feet ahead of Twickenham. Rowed up.

#### CHAMPION PAIRS.

Station 1.—R. W. Willis and R. G. Graham, London Rowing Club ..... 1  
Station 2.—J. O. F. May and F. Foster, London Rowing Club ..... 2  
Station 3.—Excelsior Boat Club ..... 3

May began to go in front, and at the Point had a lead of half a length, which was increased to two at Biffin's. From this point Willis began to gain, and at the bottom of the Alderley lead. In going by, a foul occurred, which was given against May. Rowed up.

#### First Heat.

Station 1.—North London Rowing Club ..... 1  
Station 2.—London Rowing Club ..... 2  
Station 3.—Excelsior Boat Club ..... 3

North London led, Excelsior next, but the latter soon fell astern, and North London coming up, made a fine race with the leaders, until at the Soapworks, North London had a slight advantage, and were nearly clear at the Bridge, Excelsior astern. The leaders pulled a plucky stern water, but could not overhaul the Hammersmith, who won by two lengths. Rowed up.

#### Second Heat.

London Rowing Club.—J. P. Moore, J. G. Walker, D. M. O'Leary, W. A. Chandler (stroke), E. Weston (cox).  
The Twickenham crew did not start. Rowed up.

#### Final Heat.

Station 1.—North London Rowing Club ..... 1  
Station 2.—North London Rowing Club ..... 2  
London soon showed in front, and were hard at work to the bridge, where they led by a bare length. Down the reach neither had much advantage, but at the point, London, although rowing very roughly, came away, and won by three lengths. Rowed down.

#### METROPOLITAN CHAMPION CUP.

London Rowing Club.—C. C. Gibson, R. G. Graham, H. K. Sinton, R. W. Willis, G. Ryan, B. P. Scare, S. Ly B. Smith, J. O. F. May, Weston (cox).  
Rowed down.

#### Final Heat.

Station 3.—F. Catly and T. G. Radmall, Thames Rowing Club ..... 1  
Station 2.—J. O. F. May and F. Foster, London Rowing Club ..... 2  
Station 1.—H. K. Sinton and B. P. Scare, London Rowing Club ..... 3

May led to the Old Swan, where they came up a half, but the An crew kept ahead through the bridge, where Patey, being distressed, gave up, and the others finished at their leisure. Rowed down.

#### Second Heat.

Station 2.—F. Moulder and A. R. Pitt, Thames Rowing Club ..... w.o.  
Station 1.—A. Shoolbred and W. Shoolbred, London Rowing Club ..... dr.

Station 3.—G. Smith and C. C. Gibson, London Rowing Club ..... dr.

Shoolbred and Shoolbred won easily. Rowed down.

**Final Heat.**  
Station 1.—Mouldet and Pitt ..... 1  
Station 2.—Mouldet and Pitt ..... 0  
Catly soon led, was two lengths ahead at the bridge, and four at the point, winning with great ease. Rowed down.

**SENIOR FOUR—THAMES CUP.**  
London Rowing Club.—S. Ly B. Smith, R. W. Willis, G. Ryan, J. O. F. May (stroke), Weston (cox).  
The Ariel crew withdrew.

The rowing commenced at half-past 2 p.m. Messrs. Ireland, G. R. Cox, and F. W. Bryant were umpires. The Citizens G. D. and O. accompanied the races, and the committee used the Maria Wood as their barge.

The prizes, with the exception of the Metropolitan Champion Cup, were manufactured by Mr. J. W. Benson, the eminent silversmith of Langdale Hill.

#### WORTHING REGATTA.

This annual event came off on Saturday last, and the day being exceedingly fine, some good matches were contested. The Hon. O. C. Chetwynd was umpire; O. Horwood, Esq., and Captain Warren, referees. The local town band performed, and a torch procession on the ocean wound up the proceedings. Annexed we append the results:—

1. Working sailing boats, under 24ft. First award, £4; second, £2; third, £1.  
Crystal Spring ..... Dean ..... 1  
Pride and Envy ..... Dean ..... 2  
The Brothers ..... Dean ..... 3

Five entered.  
2. Match for 18ft. skiffs, gentlemen rowers; pair sculls. First prize, silver sculls, value £2 10s.; second, 15s.; third, 10s. Five entered.  
Myrtle ..... H. Hargood, Esq. .... 1  
Armada ..... E. E. Edmunds, Esq. .... 2  
Arcs Adsum ..... J. Smith, Esq. .... 3

3. Second-class craft, under 24ft. skiffs, gentlemen rowers; pair sculls. First prize, £2 10s.; second, £1 10s.; third, 15s. Six entered.  
Little Rapid ..... Dean ..... 1  
Lily ..... Davis ..... 2  
Lizelle ..... Marshall ..... 3

4. Race for two-oared boats, under 15ft. licensed locally. First prize, £2 10s.; second, £1 10s.; third, 15s. Six entered.  
True Blue ..... Burden ..... 1  
Little Rapid ..... Dean ..... 2  
Lily ..... Davis ..... 3

5. Four-oared galleys, under 20ft. First prize, £3; second, £3; third, £1.  
Happy Return ..... W. H. Mason, Brighton ..... 1  
Nido ..... W. West, Brighton ..... 2  
Nido ..... W. R. Club ..... 3

6. First-class licensed three-oared Worthington craft; beam over 4ft 6in. First award, £3 10s.; second, £2; third, 15s. Five entered.  
Virtute ..... Dean ..... 1  
Ward ..... Dean ..... 2  
Dart ..... Beck ..... 3

7. Amateur pair-oared race of the Worthington Rowing Club. First prize, £2 10s.; second, £1 10s.; third, 15s. Six entered.  
Lizelle ..... Dean ..... 1  
True Blue ..... Burden ..... 2  
Lily ..... Davis ..... 3

8. Match for boats under 18ft; 1 pair of sculls; for pleasure. First gift, £1; second, 15s.; third, 5s. Four entered.  
Lily ..... Davis ..... 1  
True Blue ..... Burden ..... 2  
Sylph ..... Burden ..... 3

9. Amateur two-oared race, open to visitors and residents, for a sweep of 5s. each, commencing adding £1; second to get one-fourth of the prize; third to save stakes (£5 each). Five entered.  
Duke ..... Worthing Rowing Club ..... 1  
Sunbeam ..... Baneland ..... 2  
Light Blue ..... E. E. Edmunds ..... 3

10. Race for 2-oared second-class boats, under 13ft 6in. First award, £1 10s.; second, £1; third, 10s. Four entered.  
Lady of the Lake ..... Marshall ..... 1  
Alice Kate ..... Davis ..... 2  
Prince of Wales ..... Dean ..... 3

Won easily. This concluded the matches.

#### WATERMEN'S APPRENTICES FOURTH ANNUAL REGATTA.

This event has been fixed to take place on the 30th of August, when the first prize, a coat and silver badge, the second prize, a freedom of the river, and the third prize, a silver mug, to be decided in three heats will be rowed for. Distance.—To start from Blackfriars-bridge, up round a flag-boat off Whitehall-gardens, down round a flag-boat near Temple-pier, and to finish at Waterloo-bridge.

**EXETER REGATTA.**  
This regatta, which for the second time is under the management of the Exeter Amateur Rowing Club, has been fixed to take place on Tuesday, the 28th instant. A prize of twenty guineas, open to all comers, will be offered, so that some good rowing may be expected.

**FIRST CITY OF LONDON ROWING CLUB.**  
On Saturday last this club had a most successful meeting. The following is the result of the rowing:—

Silver Cup (Sculls).—W. Whitin, red, first; W. Shoolbred, white, second; E. J. Adams, yellow, third. Won easily.

Silver Cup (Pair).—St. Abney and Green, light blue, first; W. Whitin and Tribout, red, second; Lavers and Adams, pink, third. Fire crews started. Won by a length; two lengths between second and third.

Silver Challenge Cup (Sculls).—W. Whitin rowed over. Silver Challenge Cup (Pair).—W. Whitin, St. Abney, E. H. Mallet and Lavers, first; White (Shoolbred, Adams, Green, and Tribout), second. A fine race, won by half a length.

The prizes were presented at the King's Arms, Row, after an elegant repast, by Mrs. Adams. W. St. Abney, Esq., presided.

#### BROADSTAIRS ANNUAL REGATTA.

The first of the Kent Coast regattas for this season came off on Wednesday, at Broadstairs. The committee boat took up its station near the pier, and the sport commenced at half-past twelve, as follows: For Wharries not exceeding 19ft; one man each. First prize, £1 1s.; second, 10s.; third, 5s.

Fly (W. Wales) ..... 1  
Winsome Winny (F. Holborn) ..... 2  
Grace Darling (L. Wales) ..... 3

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Broadstairs.....	1 4 0
King's.....	2 3 0
Mary White (C. Horton, S. Horton, W. Ralph, Cox).....	3 1 0
Double-handed Wherries for Broadstairs bottom, with coxswain.	
First prize, 21 lbs.; second, 22; third, 23; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 29; 30; 31; 32; 33; 34; 35; 36; 37; 38; 39; 40; 41; 42; 43; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 50; 51; 52; 53; 54; 55; 56; 57; 58; 59; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64; 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; 79; 80; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; 87; 88; 89; 90; 91; 92; 93; 94; 95; 96; 97; 98; 99; 100; 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 109; 110; 111; 112; 113; 114; 115; 116; 117; 118; 119; 120; 121; 122; 123; 124; 125; 126; 127; 128; 129; 130; 131; 132; 133; 134; 135; 136; 137; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150; 151; 152; 153; 154; 155; 156; 157; 158; 159; 160; 161; 162; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 168; 169; 170; 171; 172; 173; 174; 175; 176; 177; 178; 179; 180; 181; 182; 183; 184; 185; 186; 187; 188; 189; 190; 191; 192; 193; 194; 195; 196; 197; 198; 199; 200; 201; 202; 203; 204; 205; 206; 207; 208; 209; 210; 211; 212; 213; 214; 215; 216; 217; 218; 219; 220; 221; 222; 223; 224; 225; 226; 227; 228; 229; 230; 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## ANGLING.

[Secretaries of societies and fishermen of whatever taste or peculiarity, are respectfully requested to forward contributions concerning the prospects of their localities, and any interesting information relative to this delightful branch of sport. Contributions on Rowing and Swimming receive every attention at our hands.]

**THE TYNE.**—The Newcastle papers report that yet captures of salmon have been made in the Tyne since the recent heavy rains. Hugo tube filled with salmon have been brought to the market at Sandhill; and the discourse of the town has run upon those good old times when the Newcastle apprentices had to be protected by their indentures from being required to dine on salmon more than twice a week. The apprentice was then lodged and boarded under his master's roof; the indentures were but a few lines in number; and there were no railways to carry surplus supplies of salmon to distant markets. The latest "take" in last year occurred in 1833. There had been a tremendous storm of rain on the 11th of June; and on the 13th there was a prodigious and also unprecedented take of salmon in the Tyne. Nearly 500 were exhibited for sale in Newcastle fish-market, and sold readily at 6s. per lb.; 6d. to 8d. is the report of other authorities. About the same day in June, 1755, above 2,400 salmon were taken west of Tyne Bridge; and when, three years later, upwards of 2,000 were taken in the Tyne, the price in our market was from a penny to three-halfpence per lb. The price was only three-farthings in July, 1760; and in July, 1764, and July, 1771, it was five. On the latter occasion 4,000 were exposed for sale in Newcastle market; and in August of the same year (1771) salmon was sold at from three-farthings to a penny per lb. The population of the town, at that time, would be about 24,000; and on the 25th of August, 1814, when our numbers had risen to about 37,000, salmon was sold in Newcastle, after heavy rains and a great take, at sixpence per lb., and was bought up eagerly by the picklers. The Prior of Finchale, whose salmon fisheries added considerably to his revenue, sold 514 dozen of salted salmon, in the year 1631, to the treasurer of the Monastery at Durham, at 1s. a dozen; but how much a pound that might be we cannot say, not knowing the weight. Salmon was consumed in the monastic kitchen from the beginning of March to the middle of April, 1632, at the rate of about four a day, and the Tyne was drawn upon, as well as the Wear, for the daily table of the monks.

**THE TAY.**—There have been large takes of salmon and grise on the Tay during the past week. The fish landed were in splendid condition, and had evidently not lain upon the banks of Newburgh, but come direct from the sea. One morning last week, Mr. Speedie's two gathering boats brought to Perth about eight hundred salmon, grise and trout, the weight of which was estimated at upwards of two tons. There were only a small number of fish landed the same morning on the stations from Perth Bridge to the Linn of Campsie.—*Scotman.*

**THE FORTH.**—The takes of salmon at the various fishing stations in the upper waters of the Forth have considerably improved during the past week. During the early part of the season the hauls were rather indifferent, and by no means encouraging to the lessees. Salmon is at present sold in Stirling at 1s., grise at 10d., and trout at 8d. per lb.—*Scotman.*

**THE TWEED.**—Angling harvest on the Tweed may now be expected to commence, as most of the stations up-water and many of her tributaries must have received accessions of fresh-run fish. The natural effect has been a greatly increased supply of salmon and grise; but it is remarked that trout have fallen off in number, probably owing to some temporary cause not immediately visible. The season for sea-trout in this river is far from being over, the supply of this species being generally greater after the net-fishing, now closed, than during its currency. The take on the lower reaches of the river at least doubles the take of the previous week, especially in salmon—one station near Northam sent above 300 salmon and grise to the town, the take of one day; such takes were by no means exceptional. From the up-water stations, between the tidal waters and Cornhill, considerably above 1,000 fish were sent to Berwick in two days fishing—such a run of fish during so large a flood, it cannot be doubted, must have stocked the higher stations towards Kelso.

**THE WYE.**—The Wye is now in capital order for trolling; but trout continue to be reported as very scarce, little being done of late except some tolerably fair catches of chub and dace, both by fly and bottom fishing. We have been informed on, we believe, good authority, that upwards of £30 worth of licences to fish with net and rod have already been taken out at Hereford, so that we presume all the lessees on the river here who use "draft, hang, and flue nets," which for the whole season are to be charged each at the rate of £5 per annum, and "box or stopping nets" each at £3 per annum, have provided themselves with licences. We may add that only one-half of the above is chargeable for this year. With only little more than three weeks left before "close" time commences (Sept. 2), the present flood on the Wye has just come in the nick of time. "Bothers" (Stock grise) are now quoted in Hereford at from 10d. to 1s. per pound. From this it would appear that the Salmonidae species have arrived at their least limit as to price here for the remainder of the season.

**THE MOY (BALLINA, IRELAND).**—The sport lately has not been good, owing to hot and bright weather, still the following-named gentlemen killed a few: Rev. O. W. Elthoston killed 8 salmon; Mr. T. Howley, 6; Mr. Bromell, 5; Capt. Huskey, 2; Mr. Dershaue, 5; Hon. D. Ringham, 7; Mr. Dermot, 5; Mr. Newton, Mr. S. Laine, and Mr. M. A. Laine, 3 salmon and 2 pike, and 7 perch; Capt. Davis, 75 sea and brown trout in one day; and 9 more by a few rods up river, not to be mentioned—total amount, salmon, 55; trout, 206. The late heavy rains will make a great change for the better, as the rivers and lakes are filled with fish.—*PAT HEARNS* (Mill-street, Ballina, Co. Mayo).

**THE GWERBORE (DONOGAL, IRELAND).**—In consequence of the late change of weather, the rivers in this neighbourhood have risen greatly, and offer fair sport to the salmon and white trout angler. A gentleman staying at the hotel last week hooked, on one day, eight salmon, four of which he landed, and on Saturday, although he could with difficulty keep his fly on the water, he managed to land one fine fish. The weather has been so boisterous that the draft nets have not been used for some days; all the fish so escaping will afford good sport to the angler during the remainder of the season.

**FRENCH AND ENGLISH ANGLERS.**—The French angler is a very different being from the English working salmon fisher or trout fisher on this side of the Channel. Fishing is to him a kind of repose, which he usually takes on Sunday along with the pleasures of tobacco and family delights. If he can be likened to any class of English angler it must be to the stout old gentleman whom he has fast asleep in a punt on the Thames after dinner, the Star and Garter; the only difference, perhaps, being that the stout old gentleman is content with one rod, line, and hook, whereas the French angler is not often content with half-a-dozen, but sets perhaps a dozen lines with three or four hooks to each, each line being attached to a short pliant stick with a ball on

the top of it. The sticks being stuck fast into the bank, he proceeds to enjoy his leisure, waiting in patient indolence for what fortune may bring upon his three dozen of baited hooks, the tinkling of a little bell warning him from time to time that he has another fish.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

**OYSTER CULTURE.**—A company has been established for the culture of oysters, on the principle of the Herne Bay and Whitstable fisheries, at the Warren, a large bank at the mouth of the estuary of the Exe, in Devonshire. Nearly 410 acres of magnificent backwater can be enclosed at comparatively small cost, and Mr. Frank Buckland and Mr. Farnwell, Inspectors of Fisheries, have given it as their opinion that the conditions are most favourable for oyster breeding. The first pile was driven on Saturday by the Earl of Devon, who is lord of the manor, in the presence of a distinguished company, and the works, it is expected, will be completed in about a year's time. It is proposed also to erect a pier for loading and unloading the vessels anchoring in the Exe Bight, which pier will be connected by rail with the South Devon Railway Company. The Exe has been celebrated for its oysters ever since the time of the Romans.

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

**HUGO LAUDSBERGER.**—Our first engraving this week is the portrait of one of the most successful and accomplished amateur gymnasts of the day. Hugo Laudsberger has been now for some years a member of the German Gymnasium. He joined it when he was a mere boy, a circumstance which won for him the nickname of "the Baby," which he still retains amongst his associates. The amount of muscular power which he now possesses is an extraordinary evidence of the



PORTRAIT OF ALFRED MELLON.

state of perfection which the human frame can be brought to by constantly practising athletic exercises. Young Laudsberger, it will be remembered, took a prominent part at the recent National Olympic Festival, an engraving of which has already appeared in our columns, and the wondrous feats which he there performed excited the astonishment and admiration of all who witnessed them. His performance on the horizontal bar are exceedingly clever, for, looked on, as it were, merely by his knees, he manages to twist himself round with extraordinary velocity, and to sway himself backwards and forwards with the agility of one of the most active of the monkey tribe. He is equally clever on the parallel bars and goes through all his evolutions with an ease and grace, and steadiness of nerve which prove him to be a perfect master of the art.

**THE LATE JOHN LILLYWHITE** may well be called the prince of cricketers. He was the father of a house famed for his deeds in the cricket field, and yet it will, we are sure, be readily acknowledged that he outshone them all. It is with extreme regret that we see this week announced that Mr. Fred. Lillywhite is at present dangerously ill, for he also has done wonders for the game of which he is a professor. The late John Lillywhite first came into prominence when Lord's Ground was first rising into its height of its glory, and his was the fortune to enjoy some of the most palmy days, which that fashionable resort ever knew. Underneath the portrait we give an engraving of the birthplace of John Lillywhite, from an original drawing.

**MR. ALFRED MELLON'S** career is so well-known to the general public that it is unnecessary for us to do more than make a brief reference to his portrait, which appears above. He has long been a great favourite with all lovers of good music, and all those unfortunate whose business or necessities compel them to remain in this great metropolis during this holiday weather will heartily rejoice to learn that he has recommended the series of concerts in Covent Garden

Theatre with which his name has now for several years been associated. He has this year, with his usual energy, lost no time in transforming the interior of the edifice, following the design which originated with the late Mr. Jullien, and on Monday week last the "season" opened with great éclat. The theatre was literally filled by a vast crowd, who seemed thoroughly to appreciate the remarkable excellence of the splendid orchestra which Mr. Mellon makes such efforts to collect together. The ordinary programmes have hitherto exhibited but little novelty, though they have on many a day rather been below the average in merit and interest. The wonderful "Leonora" overture; the grandest of the preludes to "Fidelio"; the well-known meditation by Gounod on Bach's prelude—excellently played by Mr. Pittman, one of our most accomplished organists; the war march from "Athalia"; the audacious and exuberant Schumann's symphony in E flat—the most tuneful and self-consistent of his later orchestral compositions; Mr. Mellon's own effective "Jacotte" overture, and the selection from "L'Africain," which, comprising the chief themes from Meyerbeer's last opera, concludes with the unisonous prelude to the last act, given out with the full power of fifty-eight instruments; these constituted the most striking orchestral features of the Monday's concert, and the two succeeding nights saw but little variation in the programme. On Thursday the first part of the concert was devoted exclusively to Mendelssohn, the second part being miscellaneous. Locke's music to "Macbeth" was the principal feature of the day's performance, and a Gounod programme was provided for Saturday, when the attendance was even larger than it had been on any previous evening during the week. Every night during the present week there has also been a crowded house, as it is evident Mr. Mellon has no intention of in any way relaxing his efforts to give the best possible value to the public at a very small cost.

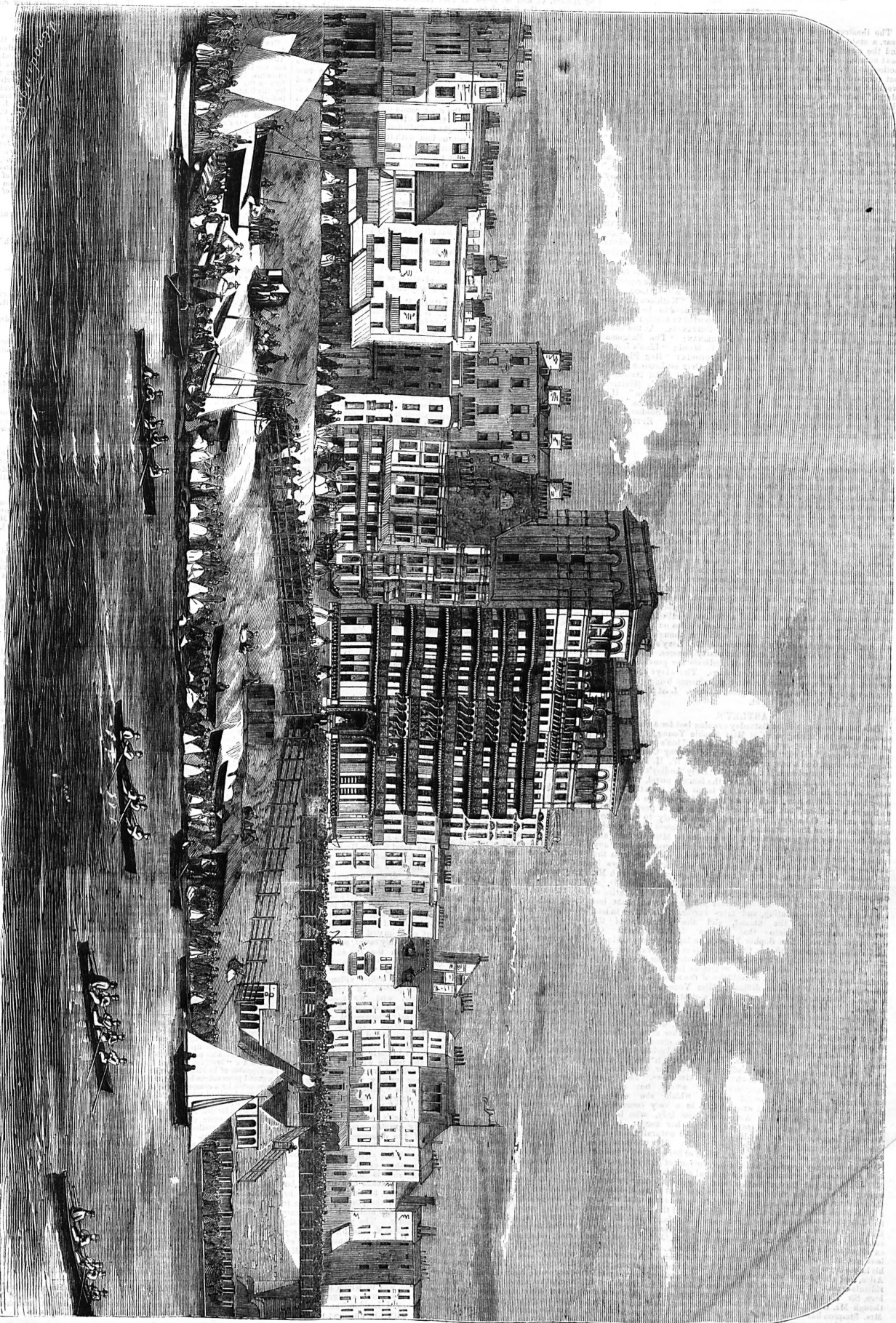
**BRIGHTON REGATTA.**—Brighton is now at the height of its glory. It is thronged with a crowd of gay and fashionable visitors, while the *de la loi* stream down there on Saturdays and Sundays by the thousand. The hotels, both new and old, are full, and sporting events have for some days past been the chief business of the place. The Brighton races have just concluded, and this has been the grand Brighton cricket week, on Thursday, Friday, and to-day (Saturday), the "Gentlemen of Sussex" playing the "Cambridge Quinquennals." The great event of Wednesday last, however, was the Brighton Regatta, of which we give a very beautiful engraving from an original drawing. The large building in front is the new hotel, which is doubtless well-known to many of our readers. The day was tolerably fine, and a large crowd of visitors were present to witness the sport.

**THE MOORS AND FORESTS IN SCOTLAND.**—The season which commenced on Monday is expected to be a good one for sportsmen in more so, indeed, than was anticipated two months ago. All along the weather has been favourable for the grouse. Last year the shooting was very close and successful, but although an unusually large number of birds were killed a sufficient amount was left as stock for this year's crop. This point is carefully provided for in almost all leases; but, whether or not, no true sportsman would overlook the ground in his occupancy. During winter there were some severe storms, but they were not of such duration or intensity as to cause a heavy mortality among feathered game. Hares suffered considerably. Spring was late, which kept back hatching somewhat, but ultimately the weather was as genial as could be desired. Shooting looked well, but the number of eggs were under the average of last year—one of the best grouse seasons for a lengthened period. The average may be stated at from eight to nine. During hatching a singular and unknown disease made its appearance among the hills. It was not the old grouse epidemic, but scarcely less deadly in its results on those moors affected. The mortality was principally amongst the males, and so heavy was the deaths on some hills that forty and fifty birds were frequently broken on in the compass of a few yards along the hill slope. Gamekeepers attributed the disease, and it would appear correctly, to the drought, as so soon as there was a fall of rain it suddenly disappeared. Fortunately, the ravages were somewhat local, but we are inclined to think that the loss of the birds all over Perthshire has been pretty considerable. There were few barren birds, and the particularly warm and dry weather during the incubation in a great measure made up for the destruction through the disease. If anything, there was a want of moisture for the young broods, but the extreme and continued drought had this effect at least, that there were no deaths from the flooding of nests. On the whole, therefore, the stock of birds, though below that of 1865, is at least an average, and very fair sport may be looked for. The worst weather we have had has been during the present month, and the hills are a little spoggy in parts. The young broods on a few of the hills are scarcely ready for the gun, but generally they are well-grown. On the Brendale range there is a very fair stock, and on the moors of Strathearn and the western districts of the county the appearances are promising. For weeks past sportsmen have been arriving at the shooting lodges, and many of the gentlemen have devoted part of their time to angling, we fear with but indifferent success. In short, every train brings a host of sportsmen; and in the Highlands great preparations have been made for opening the season.—*Edinburgh Evening Courant.*

**CAPTURE OF A NOBILIOUS WOLFEAR IN FRANCE.**—One of these pests of the English turf named Harry Jones, alias Davis, made his appearance at Deauville on the Saturday and Sunday of the race week, accompanied by some more of the same name, and on the first day he was superintending the betting list, neatly arranged, in a carriage, under the name of Morris and Co., 128, Regent-street. Sunday, it appears, was fixed upon by these scamps for their grand coup, and as soon as the races commenced, Mr. Jones explained to the public that he was the best race to bet upon was the steeplechase, the last race, and consequently Morris and Co., received a good deal of money, about 6,000, we are told. Whilst the dead heat was being run off, and just prior to the steeplechase, Mr. Jones informed an old Jew who was selling sticks on the course that his friends and himself were going to take some refreshment, and that, if he would, take care of the conveyance, representing the establishment of Morris and Co., he would reward him with five francs. Our readers can imagine where Mr. Harry Jones and his friends went to, and they can likewise imagine the position of poor Shylock when the backers of Valentino came down for their money at the impromptu bank of Morris and Co. The police were sent after the fellows, but they evaded them until they reached Dieppe, where Jones was arrested at the moment he was embarking for Newhaven, en route for Brighton races. He was remanded for a week, and it is to be hoped will be sentenced to a lengthened term of imprisonment.

March 20.—On Saturday afternoon last a match of twenty risley knurr and spell was played at Worsbrough-bridge, near Barnsley, between Robert Marsden, of Barnsley, and Walter Winter, of Worsbrough Dale. The conditions were to play twenty risley each for £5. The game presented nothing worthy of note, and was won by Marsden by about twenty scores. Mr. E. Barlow officiated as referee.





THE BRIGHTON REGATTA ON WEDNESDAY LAST.—From a Photograph by Mason, Brighton.

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very neatly; and Mr. John Howard evinces for a new comer such promise in the small part of Captain Malden. The scenery, by Messrs. C. and W. Brew, is of very elaborate and good; and, however, on the first night rather more than the number of hitches in the working of the machinery. The number of hitches in the working of the machinery is of very elaborate and good; and, however, on the first night rather more than the number of hitches in the working of the machinery. The number of hitches in the working of the machinery is of very elaborate and good; and, however, on the first night rather more than the number of hitches in the working of the machinery.

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**CENTRAL LONDON DRAMATIC CLUB.**—The members of this club gave their first performance on Tuesday in last week at the Royal Bower Operatic House. There was a capital programme, consisting of the tragedy of "Hamlet," and the farce of "Deaf as a Post." The part of the Prince of Denmark was played by Mr. J. Hamilton, whose tall and well proportioned figure well became the character. The Lactors of Mr. J. W. Stanley was deeply to be regretted, but the Claudio of Mr. H. W. Lindo was doing the figure of the Prince of Denmark indeed, well, and the part of the sweetest sister, Mr. E. Yarwood, was a fine, and a ghost, and he Mr. B. Gaston, as Polonius, and Mr. J. C. Seymour, as Horatio, performed their parts with considerable ability. Mr. C. Hanson, as Orlie, Mr. P. McEneaney as the first, and Mr. J. C. Seymour as the second, as follows:—Mr. G. Sidney and Mr. Blackmore as Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, and Mr. Marcellus, Bernardo, and Francisco by Messrs. Evers, Winsley, and Jones. Mr. D. J. Smithson made a capital Claudio, and Miss Clara Gordon, as Ophelia, Miss Evans, as Gertrude, and Miss A. Hall as the Queen of Denmark. Owing to the lateness of the hour the farce of "Deaf as a Post" was not got through. The best thing of the evening was the farce of "Deaf as a Post," which took place immediately after the conclusion of the tragedy.

Mr. Arthur Sketchley's visit to America is postponed. He will continue to appear at the Egyptian Hall for the present.

Mr. Andrew Halliday will follow up his re-habilitation of "Kenilworth" at the Strand by a new burlesque for the Adelphi, at Christmas.

Miss Bateman was at latest dates from America playing in Philadelphia. Her retirement from the stage is again announced.

Mr. Boucicault's new drama about to be produced at the Lyceum is called "The Long Strike." Both Mr. and Mrs. Boucicault have characters in it.

Mr. Tom Taylor's coming Irish drama for the Olympic is founded on Mrs. S. O. Hall's "White Boy."

Mrs. Henry Bedford, a relation of Mr. Paul Bedford, is a candidate for one of the Dramatic College vacancies. Mrs. Bedford's election we should think is certain. Mr. Paul must have pockets full of proxies.

Mr. W. S. Woodin has transferred his entertainment to the Crystal Palace. Thence he will shortly proceed to the South Coast to fulfil several engagements and then, about the end of October, he will return to London, and re-open the Polygraphic Hall.

We are glad to be able to report that Mr. Sobern has completely recovered his health. He is now recreating in the Highlands, prior to commencing his provincial engagements. In the course of the fulfilment of these, he will, it is said, essay Claude Melnotte.

The "Famille Benoiton," the French original of the Adelphi "Fast Family," has been withdrawn from the bills of the Vaudeville, after a run of 27 nights, and "The Village Don Juan," a new piece, the conjoint work of Mdm George Sand and Maurice Sand, her son, produced in its stead. The latter spoken of as not being very successful.

Mr. Bateman, the father of Miss Bateman, is in London intent upon engaging various notabilities for a grand concert tour he contemplates through the United States. Amongst those he has already secured are said to be Mme Parepa, Signor Ferrani, Signor Brignoli, Mr. Levy (the cornet player), and Mr. J. L. Hatten, the composer. The latter joins as accompanist.

Drury Lane opens on the 22nd Sept. with "King John," Mr. Phelps playing the King, and Mr. Barry Sullivan, Falconbridge. "Rob Roy" is to be one of the revivals of the season. Mr. T. Powrie, a Scotch actor of mark, is engaged to play the Macgregor. Mr. Phelps will be the Nicol Jarvie, and it is said by the House of Melodrama Francis.

Mr. J. L. Toole's annual benefits are approaching. We adopt the plural expression advisedly. The first low comedian of the day will on the 23th receive his friends (or rather as many of them as can be crammed into the Adelphi) in the ordinary way, and he will then proceed on his provincial tour and annual indulgence in what his London management dandles him, par worthy of his talent.

A meeting is convened with a view to the establishment of a Friendly and Benevolent Society for assisting distressed members of the must-halt profession. The meeting will take place next Wednesday at Weston's Music Hall which has been kindly lent for the purpose by Messrs. Sweeney and Hollan prominent promoters of this very laudable scheme.

M. Riviere, the able *Chef d'Orchestra* at the Adelphi since the secession of Mr. Hull (now at the Princess's) during the stormy Webster and Boncourt regimes, has been spirited away by that amiable Saladin of the Albion, Mr. Strange. M. Riviere will in future preside at the head of the orchestra at the truly stupendous Palace in Leicester-square. Impartial British Publics are emphatically to the Music Halls.

Mr. Boncineault's opening drama for the New Holborn theatre is said to ultra "sensational," and to treat more or less of "turf" life (with a swing mortal we suppose). Messrs. Belmore, G. Neville, Garden, Volaire, and Miss Charlotte Saunders, Essie Foote, and Jane Buras (an American debutante) are engaged. Messrs. Fenton (of the Strand) and James (of the Prince of Wales) are squarred upon the scenery.

The New Royalty is now undergoing repairs, alterations, and re-embellishment, preparatory to its re-opening by Miss M. Oliver. The decorations and upholstery work have been entrusted to Mr. Bradford, who, if we recollect right, was the remarkably successful operator in the case of the Princess Wales's whose, at the bidding of Miss Marie Wilton that pretty and coquettish little theatre sprang out of the dingy pile until then but indifferently known as the Queen's.

On Monday an exceedingly novel and interesting performance will take place at Sadler's Wells. By way of commemorating the anniversary of the opening of the theatre on that very day 100 years ago, Mr. Cave will produce Gerald's famous pantomime "Mother Goose," and play it as nearly as possible exactly as it was played on its first production some sixty years ago. For the purpose of securing this identity of get-up, the veteran clown Tom Matthe has been engaged to superintend the production of the piece.

The much-be-puffed Yankee lecturer and humourist, Artemus Ward (otherwise Browne) is still in *nubibus* so far as a London appearance is concerned. When last heard of he was about to be served up—in the intervals between chop-grinding and Hall-by-the-Sea improvising—by the eminent Messrs. Spence and Pond. Now we hear that he will burst upon this used-up old country in several places at once. Says the latest fanfar-monger, Mr. A. W. WARD is engaged to write in *Punch*, and in the *Liverpool Postscript*, and in the *Glasgow Post*—preliminary having got thus far, probably the new "entertainer" is not far off.

"The Two Faces of Mary Leigh," Mr. Housician's new drama, successful production of which at Manchester we reported a fortnight ago, is Londoned. It is said, for the St. James's Theatre, where it is now so frequent, is it, or is it not, a wholesome people? To one ever heart of such productions, it was not a "brilliant success," but a man with awe, and honour, and favour, a grand piece ostensibly prepared for the London market, and ostensibly supported by a company of actors, and a manager, who, in the eyes of the criticism on such principles might easily be stretched so as to include admiration for that which is not there. On such occasions there is such a parade of reminiscences, and such a display of provincial audiences that though the piece is played before them it is not intended for them. O dear no! it is intended for assurance of superiority for the Londoners. It is over it has seen the light? And is not such a proceeding calculated for overweighing the simple minded provincial audience, and for securing a favourable verdict? Is it possible, we would ask; and that the usual, as persons "wanting to know" and willing to be enlightened, and to be made before even the Londoners themselves have seen it, and that condemnation is, as we said before, mostly by the acting of some London actors, and that the Londoners themselves have not seen it? The eyes of the dear good province nothing less than a duty, is it possible for, such things to be done, and for the provincial mind not to be so ready? We know this much, that the Londoners, and the Londoners, the system, harmless, and indeed good, as it was in its origin, may degenerate into a system for obtaining cheap favour from a view of the London critics.

Married, on the 14th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Hoxton, Nelson Lee Younger, to Sarah, eldest daughter of the late H. Dove, Esq., of Nicholas square. Shortly after the ceremony, the happy pair left Shrubland Wood, and are en route for Paris. No cards.

**MELLOWS'S CONCERTS.** These admirable concerts continue to attract great crowds each evening. The programme is varied almost every night. Since our last visit the vocal strength has been augmented by the addition to the company of Mr. Paley and Miss May. The latter has given the overtures and the songs of the band are given in a really brilliant manner. They have included Aubert's magnificent overture to "Maeneliello," Mendelssohn's "Calm Sea," Selections from the music several of which have been produced, as a new waltz music, by the band. The songs have included "The Rose Tree," "Helena," and another entitled "Marie," by a new band, who will Oit. Ballie. Mdlle. Liebhart has replaced her somewhat uninspired *marceuse* of the opening piece by a more brilliant and admirable *marceuse* of the same name. The band continues to excite the admiration of the audience to an extraordinary extent by his tinkling upon the pieces of wood called "Xylophone." The performance of the band is so good that it is no more necessary to say that it is so it may be called, than there is to say that the songs are good. Some of Herr Wientawski's solos on the violin are rather abstruse for a miscellaneous audience, though all evince a wonderful mastery of the instrument. The variety of the programme is simply all that could be desired. All this, and more, is simply to say that all will sufficiently indicate the provision that has been made for every taste upon ordinary evenings. Thursdays are set apart for performances more select, greater prominence being given to the songs evoked to the stage by the great masters. Last Thursday, for example, the programme was as follows:

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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

The Bank rate of discount was reduced to 8 per cent., on Thursday, and the effect throughout the country is thought to be favourable. The wholesale evictions in the City are causing great distress amongst the poorer classes. The Orchestra believes Mr. Sothern is about to play the part of Claude Melnotte in the provinces. Lord Buxton is to be advanced to the peerage of Great Britain.

The participation of Austria in the Paris Universal Exhibition of next year is very doubtful, in consequence of the effects of the war.

The Fastest Thing Going.—A hunting watch, —*Punch*.  
 The "Tulok Slavner" has been fined by the Nottingham magistrate 20  
 marks for assailing the police, and 25 and 50 marks for night poaching.  
 There were sixteen persons expected to leave this week for the  
 Lord Portlborough, who is a "weather prophet," predicts that the rain  
 will pass off in a few days, and that we shall have fine dry weather up to  
 the middle of September at least.  
 It is stated that a man of the best canal coal of the size of a whale contains  
 more oil than in the same quantity of any other coal.  
 The number of wrecks reported last week was 31, which raises the total for  
 the present year to 1,275.

It is believed that the Garter vacant by the death of the late Marquis of Lansdowne will be conferred upon the Duke of Richmond.

By an Act issued on Saturday, persons, under a penalty of £20, are required to deliver a declaration of Assessed taxes, and a wilful neglect or delay is to subject the parties to be fined.

John Henry Lees, of Holliswood, aged 13 years, hung himself on Sunday.

He had been punished for apple stealing and confined to his bedroom, where

A terrific fire occurred at Antwerp on Friday night. It commenced in a petroleum warehouse, and destroyed property of the value of several thousand pounds.

The man apprehended at Woolwich on Friday night on suspicion of being the murderer of the little boy in the cellar in St. Giles proves to be a very different person from the one the police were in search of.

A strong opposition has been raised by the Cardinals of Rome to the introduction of the needle-gun into the Papal army, on the ground that "it was an invention with which the Lutherans had been inspired by the Prince of

Sunday postists at Feringdon, in Berkshire, have petitioned the post-office against the Sunday delivery of letters in that town. The post-office authorities have replied by instructing the Feringdon postmaster not to deliver any letters on Sundays to the petitioners.

The special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* in Bohemia describes an alarming accident to the railway train which ran from Brunn to Pardubitz. Six persons were killed; nearly 20 were injured, several mortally; and some 20 horses were killed or hopelessly maimed. The correspondent cried out: "During the late trip of the monster *Monadnock* to the Pacific coast, when the vessel was in the torrid zone, the thermometer reached the height of 141 and 150 degrees in the fire-room, and 125 to 130 degrees in the engine-room, this extreme heat developed several cases of nervous spinal disease, attended with

olent convulsions, but none proved fatal.—*New York Times.*

A train from the Borough-road ran into one standing at the Elephant and castle station on Monday night and did much damage to the carriages, though fortunately no passenger was seriously hurt.

On Monday evening a black bag was stolen from a cab at Newington, and a policeman to whom information was given traced it to a brothel at 13, Wellington-terrace, Waterloo-road. The police got in, found the bag and its contents, and also found a great quantity of valuable goods.

At the Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday, while a man was under examination, a policeman entered, and taking him by the shoulder, told him he was "wanted."

The weekly return issued on Tuesday evening by the Registrar-General of births in London, during the week ending Saturday, August 11, shows, we are happy to say, a considerable decrease, the numbers from cholera for the last two weeks being respectively—32, 316, 904, 1,053, and 791; and from diarrhoea 1,150, 221, 549, 351, and 264. Of both forms of disease, therefore, 1,045 persons died last week, which is less than in the previous week by 382.

The judicial statistics for England and Wales for the past year have just been

published. The total number of murders were 136, being one in excess of the previous year—78 were reported from the counties, 51 from boroughs, and 8 by the metropolitan police.

At the Central Criminal Court on Tuesday George Johnson, a "cracksmen," well known to the police as having been engaged in a great number of plate robberies during a long sentence, was indicted on stealing jewellery and plate from the residence of M. Whitmore, M.P., one of the Lords of the Treasury, and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

The Reform movement gains strength. Both in London and the country active measures are being taken to elicit public opinion. The National Reform Council have today issued a pamphlet, "What is a man?" It is a number

There was another conviction for murder at the assizes on Monday, and the accused, a man named Grime, was sentenced to death without hope of reprieve. He was one of the men implicated in what is known as the Wigan order, the circumstances of which were peculiarly horrible; the body of the ordered man having been thrown into a furnace at a pit's mouth, and, with the exception of a few bones, entirely consumed. The murder was committed in June and as January 1893.

Austria has taken its first steps towards the completion of the cession of the Trentino-Alto Adige region to Italy. The commanders of the Austrian fortresses in Venezia have issued orders to forward all moveable war material to Vienna before the 15th instant. All Italians in the Austrian police have been discharged. The *Temps* states that the Pope meditates writing a letter to the Emperor Napoleon, offering to place in his hands, as "Temporal Viceroy," what remains of the States of the Church, which "the Holy See is too weak" to protect against "the arms of Revolution."

The annual spectacle at Jersey of the public execution of a criminal took place on Saturday in that island. The prisoner was a young Frenchman named

Blair, who had married a poor woman at a fine cottage for the sake of a thriving business, in which she was possessed.

Blair, Mrs. — **HARRISON DEXTER**. At the Guildhall, on Tuesday, Mr. the Mayor of the Free-hall, appeared before Alderman Gabriel, having been summoned by Mr. Potter, of Farningdon-street, to answer the following charge:— "For that you, on the 10th of July last, in the said City, unlawfully used to be published a certain advertisement, whereby it was made to appear at a certain place, called George-yard, Snow-hill, in the City of London, and used by you for the purpose of making him with persons resorting to the said place, to induce such persons to resort to such place, for the

purpose of making a bet, against the statute, &c. Mr. Potter said he was not prepared to prove the defendant under the 16th and 17th Vic. cap. 119, s. 7, which made it unlawful to print, publish, or cause to be exhibited or published any placard, handbill, card, writing, sign, or advertisement, whereby it was made to appear that any house, office, room, or place was opened or put or used for the purpose of making bets or wagers in manner aforesaid, for the purpose of exhibiting lists for betting, &c. The defendant had incurred an advertisement which had appeared daily, showing that Mr. Nash was carrying on betting transactions at George-yard, Snow-hill. In reply to a question by Alderman Gabriel, Mr. Potter said he could not prove the order

**THE ADVERTISEMENT.**—It is to be hoped that Mr. Nash put up placards in every part of the city. Alderman G-briel: I shall dispute the summons, but without success. If Mr. Patter comes here again against the defendant, or anyone else, and does not prove his case, the sitting alderman will no doubt grant costs. The summons was then dismissed.

**SUICIDE AT A FEMALE PEDSTRIAN.**—At Bury, on Monday, a female pedestrian, named Emma Gawncherry, who is at present engaged in a task of giving a thousand miles in a thousand hours at the Mona Gardens, Bury, suffered a charge against John Brierley, her brother-in-law, for attempting to shoot her brother on the previous day. She appeared in court at twenty-five minutes past five yesterday.

order that she might at once return to her task in her walking costume, which consisted of a light plain coat and breeches, white stockings, a fawn scarf, and a black velvet collar. It appears that Broderick was asked for her as a light dressmaker, and for this purpose was provided with a loaded gun. On Sunday morning to took up the gun, pointed it at Gawthorne, whose the time was twelve one of her allotted time, and said, 'I'll stop her walking—I'll stop her walking altogether.' The gun, however, missed fire, and the prisoner attempted to fire it by applying a lighted match to the nipple, but failed, as was due given into custody. His defence was that he was drunk. The war was remanded.

**FALLING ACCIDENTS ON THE WO. VERMONT RACE COURSE.**—On Tuesday afternoon during the races a shocking accident happened by which some ten or twenty persons have been seriously injured. The catastrophe occurred ten minutes past four o'clock. Next to the winning-post was a temporary stand, upon which some 500 spectators had standing places. Suddenly the whole structure and all its occupants fell to the ground. The injuries sustained by some are shocking, and little hope is expressed of their recovery. The *Birmingham* says:—"The chief complaint called the attention of a principal member the race committee to the flimsy character of the erections on Monday, and was understood that Mr. Rockwell, builder, should go down and examine

From some cause or other it would appear that this arrangement was not tried out. Had the warning been promptly and efficiently attended to, this accident, with all its lamentable consequences, would have been prevented. Another accident, but one of a less serious character, took place about the middle, on the opposite side of the course. "A large party from Birmingham hired a rather rickety wagon, run up close to the fencing of the course. The wheel was covered one, the roof being supported by iron bars, and upon this a about 20 of the more adventurous had scrambled. Just as the horses were coming in to the winning-post the roof gave way, precipitating the whole party to the ground. Four or five of them were rather seriously injured, and

... a lad from Birmingham, having broken his leg, had to be sent to the  
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The *Round Table* is a New York journal, making the following startling revelations:—We have the best authority for stating that some of the most elegant ladies of our leading cities will pass the summer, not at Saratoga and Newport, but in the city of New York, and that, on the subject of dress, on the subject of the virtues of fashionable *crinolines*, no more words among the ladies than among the gentlemen of this country." It further asserts that "modest women, by breaking the hearts of their husbands and daughters by this vice, *Girts of 18* the confidence of our most respectable merchants, have been grossly disappointed in Broadway where sold upon the public streets."

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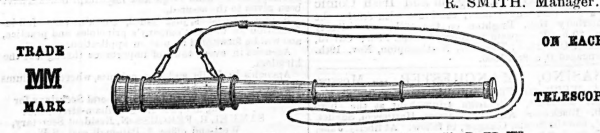
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